

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 16

By McCormick

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend John F. Germ for
meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is John Germ, who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a Chattanooga native, Mr. Germ was born on November 23, 1938, and graduated from Kirkman High School; he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, he proudly served his country as a Captain in the United States Air Force Reserve, a navigator while on active duty, he flew missions during the Bay of Pigs and in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, John Germ began his career at Campbell & Associates, Inc., as a Designer-Draftsman, steadily rose through the corporate ranks, and presently serves as President and Chief Executive Officer; and

WHEREAS, known for his expertise, Mr. Germ is a Registered Professional Engineer in forty-two states and Canada and is certified with the National Council of Engineering Examiners; and

WHEREAS, a deeply committed professional, John Germ has served as a General Partner with Third Street Associates, an Executive Committee member and Board of Trustee member with Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Tennessee, a member of the Board of Directors of the

Tennessee American Water Company, and founder of the local chapter of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air Conditioning Engineers; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his many professional involvements, John Germ still finds time to lend his extraordinary talents to such notable causes as the Greater Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce, the United Way, Boy Scouts of America, the Public Education Foundation, the American Heart Association, and the Salvation Army; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Germ has utilized his abilities in many leadership roles, including standing as President of the Chattanooga Jaycees, the Greater Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce, the Orange Grove Board of Directors, the Cherokee Area Council, the Hamilton County Fund for Excellence, the Rotary Club of Chattanooga, and Partners for Economic Progress; and

WHEREAS, his history of dedicated civic involvement also includes serving as Chairman of the United Way, the Chattanooga State Technical Community College Advisory Council, Blood Assurance, of which he was also the incorporator, the American Heart Association, and several fund-raising organizations; and

WHEREAS, this exemplary public servant and consummate businessman also held membership on the Board of Directors for such outstanding organizations as the United Way, the Public Education Foundation, the College of Engineering at the University of Tennessee Knoxville, the Private Industry Council, River Valley Partners, Rotary International, Junior Achievement, the Salvation Army, and WCTI Channel 45 TV, in addition to his role on the Board of Trustees of the Greene Valley Development Center; and

WHEREAS, in addition to John Germ's illustrious professional and civic leadership positions, he was a member of the Boy Scouts of America, served on the Workforce Development Board for the State of Tennessee, and founded Camp Discovery for mentally- and medically- challenged individuals; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his countless contributions to his community, Mr. Germ has been recognized with numerous, well-deserved awards and honors; and

WHEREAS, he was recognized as Chattanooga's Jaycee of the Year on two occasions, is listed in *Outstanding Young Men of America*, was recognized as one of Tennessee's Three

Outstanding Young Men, as well as Chattanooga's Outstanding Young Man of the Year, is listed in *Who's Who in the South & Southeast* as well as *Personalities of the South* and *Personalities of America*, won the 1986 Engineer of the Year Award, is a member of the U.S. Jaycees Hall of Leadership, won the 1988 ASHRAE Community Involvement Award, earned the Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Award as well as the Volunteer Fund Raiser of the Year Award, and received the Rotary Service Above Self Award, among many others; and

WHEREAS, John Germ is deeply devoted to his wife of fifty years, Judith Germ, and is the proud father of John Steven, Gregory Alan, Sharon Ervin, and Jeffrey Duncan, and the grandfather of four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Germ epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud John Germ for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend John F. Germ for his meritorious service to the good people of this State and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.